

LOCAL GOVERNMENT SOLUTIONS

FOR CITIES, COUNTIES AND OTHER GOVERNMENT AGENCIES

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SCSC South Central Service Cooperative

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The Minnesota Service Cooperatives have been facilitating programs and services between local governments and school districts across Minnesota since 1976.



We believe services are most effective when implemented at a regional level creating economies of scale and maintaining a consistency in the process that positively affects local governments and communities. We can help you proritize your vision by offering Community Development, Advisory Services, Financial Planning, and Executive Searches. Services can be on a one-time or contracted basis.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

PLANNING

Community planning needs to be tailored to a community's characteristics and local geography. What we can do:

- Attend planning commission meetings.
- Develop agendas.
- Publish public notices.
- Facilitate and manage a planning consultant or engineering firm for large projects.

ZONING

Zoning codes need to be reviewed and updated to meet current land use trends. What we can do:

- Answer questions and meet with citizens and businesses on their projects.
- Coordinate ordinance changes by drafting new language and confer with legal representatives to insure consistency with state statutes.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING

We can work with your local EDA and HRA to address your community's needs. What we can do:

- Work with your city's boards and commissions to identify projects, strategic planning, site identification, shovel ready site certification, business retention and attraction plans.
- Coordinate with the Department of Employment and Economic Development on projects, strategies, and programs.
- Coordinate and implement various financial tools such as TIF, tax abatement, the Minnesota Investment Fund, bonding, or state and federal grants.
- Identify housing needs and resources available from statewide partners such as DEED, Minnesota Housing Finance and area housing agencies.
- Facilitate and manage in-depth housing studies and grant writing through relationships with housing consultants.

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The Minnesota Service Cooperatives

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ADVISORY SERVICES

ANNEXATION ASSISTANCE

- Facilitate discussions with landowners
- Adhere to state statutes
- Meet with the county and townships

COOPERATIVE PURCHASING

Cooperative purchasing streamlines the bidding process and uses economies of scale to save local governments and school districts money on their purchases. Cooperative purchasing programs are available through Cooperative Purchasing Connection (CPC) and Sourcewell. We can assist your organization in becoming familiar with this program, allowing you to save time and money by purchasing from ready-to-use competitively solicited contracts.

FIRE SERVICE AGREEMENTS

- Provide research concerning the latest trends in fire service delivery
- Facilitate discussions between cities and townships
- Complete cost analysis of service delivery
- Provide examples of fire service contracts and/or joint powers agreements
- Assist with equipment ownership and purchasing

SHARED SERVICE STUDIES

- Administrative staffing
- Operational staffing
- Equipment sharing and cost analysis

INSURANCE AND WELLNESS

MHC's insurance pooling makes specially-negotiated rates available to public employers who join the cooperative network. Wellness programs designed to improve wellbeing and control health care costs are also available. Funding helps local sites carry out wellness activities for their employees.

LABOR RELATIONS AND NEGOTIATIONS

- Experience in contract negotiations with unions representing city and county employees
- Consultation before negotiations to prepare local officials and staff
- Research to support the position of local officials
- Prepare a comparison of wage and benefits across several similar size cities and counties
- Offer concepts for contract language and meet with union representatives



FINANCIAL PLANNING

Long-range financial and capital improvement planning is integral to future success for local governments. Services include:

- Long-term financial plan development
- Capital improvement plan development
- Redevelopment
- Tax increment and abatement financing
- Infrastructure rehabilitation
- Grantwriting



EXECUTIVE SEARCHES

Conducting a search for a new administrator, manager, or key staff member has become a costly and time-consuming task for local governments. Let us assist your search! Services include:

- Overview of process meeting
- Create position profile with input from Council, Board, Staff, and Community
- Recruit candidates
- Receive and process applications
- Provide preliminary screening of candidates and make interview recommendations
- Assist Council or Board with the interview process
- Facilitate selection of new administrator or manager
- Develop contract
- Provide mentoring
- Offer contract options





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